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ARABIAN NIGHTS STORY

Queer Capers of a Bedstead On Which a Woman Had Died.

Paris, Tex., Dec. 10.—A strange but well authenticated story is reported from a town ten miles east of this city. Last night the wife of John Blas-singame died. The bedstead on which she was lying was new and not a blemish on the fresh paint and varnish. When she died a white spot appeared on the headboard, which gradually diffused and took the form of a rabbit and remained in that shape. The watchers who saw it tried to rub and wash it out, but failed. A number of highly respectable and truthful people witnessed the singular phenomenon and vouch for the truthfulness of the story.

The Connecticut society has awarded a prize to Eugene Walker of Brownsville, a lad 17 years old, who saved a man from drowning. The vice-president of the society who has been working on the case, says that the boy's actions were extraordinary and that he is a fine specimen of a young man. He is now in the hospital recovering from his injuries.



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Brownsville, Cameron Co., Texas.

Cameron County is the extreme southern county of Texas. It is separated from Mexico by the Rio Grande on the south and has about 100 miles of gulf coast as its eastern boundary. It was organized in 1848, and contains 3308 square miles. Farming and stock raising are the principal industries of the people the location, climate and soil being admirably adapted for both. The greater portion of the soil is a rich loam, and produces an exceedingly heavy yield of both cotton and corn the chief farm products. Two, and sometimes three crops of corn, averaging from fifty to seventy bushels per acre, are raised yearly while cotton will easily yield one to two bales per acre. Grapes grow all the year, and stock and poultry without being fed or sheltered during the winter. But the soil and climate of the Lower Rio Grande Valley are by nature best adapted for the production of vegetables and fruits. Vegetables of all kinds grow all the year around, and northern people are astonished to find tomatoes, lettuce, spinach, English peas, etc., served fresh from the gardens in midwinter. This is undoubtedly the paradise of track gardeners, and so soon as rail transportation is obtained Cameron county vegetables by the car load will be shipped to northern markets during winter and early spring, and will obtain the highest prices, as there will be no competition. This is due to our exceedingly mild climate. Frequently the entire winter passes without a single frost, and there is rarely ever any cold weather before Christmas. Fruit culture has not been attempted in this county on a large scale, but there is one large banana plantation on which this delicious fruit yields most abundantly and in the greatest perfection. Grapes are also raised extensively, growing in almost every yard. They ripen from two to four weeks earlier than in any other section. Many planters here make all of their own table wines. Oranges and lemons also grow in profusion, and this section could easily be made to rival Florida in the production of oranges. Sugar cane is also one of the most important products of this valley. The Rio Grande plantation of Mr. Gen. Brulay and the Rabb Starck plantation produce great quantities of cane, which is all manufactured on the Rio Grande plantation. This cane makes sugar which is produced by experts to be even superior to the best Louisiana product. Havana tobacco has also proven a success here, Col. J. G. Tucker having made some most successful experiments with it; his samples were classed by New York buyers as equal to the best Havana.

The county is watered by the Rio Grande with its ample flow along the southern boundary, and numerous small streams called "arroyos," and "resacas."

The population of Cameron county according to the census of 1890 is 13,424. Brownsville, the county seat, has a population of about 7000 Point Isabel, the seaport of the county, has about 400 inhabitants and Santa Maria, a growing little river settlement, has about 250.

Improved lands sell for from \$5 to \$25 per acre, unimproved for from \$2 to \$6 per acre. The average taxable value of land is \$1. There are 82,240 acres of school land in the county. The county has a total school population of 4400, and gives employment to 80 teachers. The average length of the school term is five months. The total tuition revenue received from the State is \$13,000. There are a number of public schools in the county, affording ample educational advantages.

Home-seekers are gradually beginning to find their way to this land where farmers can work in the open air 305 days in the year, but it is comparatively undeveloped as yet. With the building of the railroad to Corpus Christi, however, a great influx of settlers may be expected and they will be heartily welcomed. This valley is capable of supporting millions of people. The Herald will be pleased to receive information from those who are interested in the land.

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